

**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

MAIL STOP RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or
plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

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| Application Number | 10/516,463 |
| Confirmation Number | 2865 |
| Filing Date | April 21, 2005 |
| First Named Inventor | Atsushi NAKAYAMA |
| Group Art Unit | 1796 |
| Examiner Name | Ronesi, Vickie M. |
| Matter Number | Q84985 |
| Title | RUBBER COMPOSITION AND TIRES MADE BY USING THE SAME |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on February 17, 2009
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
 - iv. Petition for Extension of Time
 - v. Other _____

2. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of 3 months
- b. Other _____

3. FEES

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge the RCE statutory fee of \$810.00 and all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

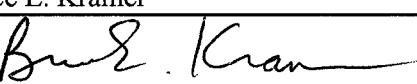
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CUSTOMER NUMBER

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY

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| Name | Bruce E. Kramer | Registration No. | 33,725 |
| Signature |  | Date | April 17, 2009 |